Dear Counsel,

The COVID-19 emergency has required that hearings be done remotely. This requirement is to protect the public, the parties, the attorneys and court personnel. Skype for Business is the current platform that has been approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts. It will be the platform that is used for remote hearings in the Circuit Court for Talbot County, Maryland and in the District Court of Maryland for Talbot County. Thus, in any hearing in which a party is, or would have the opportunity, to appear Skype will be used. If you are representing a party, you will receive an email invitation with information about the Skype hearing. At the time of the meeting, click "join meeting" to join. You do not need to have an account in order to participate in the Skype hearing. Once in the conference, click the video camera button to make sure that you are appearing by video link. Skype can be run from computers with camera attachments, tablets or smartphones.

If you have any questions or to make a trial run, please contact (410) 770-6801 in the Circuit Court and (410) 819-5850 in the District Court.

We thank you for your patience through these difficult circumstances.

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Hon. Stephen H. Kehoe County Administrative Judge Circuit Court for Talbot County, Maryland

KRK Hon. Karen R. Ketterman Associate Judge District Court of Maryland for Talbot County District 3